

Appl. No.: 10/524,710

Amdt. Dated May 22, 2008

Response to Advisory Action Mailed March 31, 2008

REMARKS:

Applicant appreciates the time and care the examiner has taken in examining the application. Applicant requests reconsideration of the final rejection of the claim, and states the following in support.

The amendment to the claim is supported in the original specification and no new matter is added. The added term "...while retaining opposite ends of the crown inwardly..." is supported at spec. p. 5 line 26 to p. 6, line 1, and FIG. 1, among other places in the original specification. The added term "...wherein the crown is held by the first pair of projections, the second pair of projections and the crown pressing portion when stapling the bundle of papers" is supported at spec. p. 7, lines 17 to 22:

By the first projecting parts 7, 7, the second projecting parts 8, 8 and the crown pressing portion 10 being provided, the whole of the crown 6 can be held by the first projecting parts 7, 7, the second projecting parts 8, 8 and the crown pressing portion 10 when stapling thin papers, hence the crown 6 can be further prevented from an arched deformation being generated.

It is requested that the rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn. All prior arguments are incorporated herein by reference, and Applicant further states as follows. In the original specification, it was explained that the conventional driver structure yields the problems of having the leg portions being moved inwardly during the stapling of a bundle of papers, and having the crown curve to project in an arch from the bundle of papers. Spec. p. 2, lines 1 to 18. The invention as claimed resolves these problems, by including the features of the first projecting parts 7, 7, the second projecting parts 8, 8, and the crown pressing portion 10 to hold

the whole of the crown. The invention as claimed thus prevents these problems. FIG. 5 of the application, designated as prior art, does not disclose all of these claimed features, as was asserted by the examiner. This has been explained at length in prior responses, incorporated herein by reference. Attention is drawn in particular to the arguments on pages 5-6 of the Response to Office Action filed November 21, 2007.

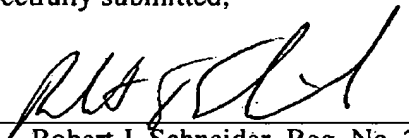
It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for prompt allowance and that all of the objections, rejections and requirements raised in the Office action have been met. Early, favorable treatment of this application is requested.

Extension Request and Deposit Account Charge Authorization. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees, or credit any overpayment, associated with this communication, including fees for any necessary extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) for filling this communication, which extension is hereby requested, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0305 of Chapman and Cutler LLP. **It is noted that the extension deadline is May 25, 2008 (one month extension)**, under MPEP §706.07(f) in view of the first reply having been filed within two months after mailing of the final action.

The examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned with any questions or comments so that efforts may be made to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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